



Mississippi Labor Market

Tracking Mississippi's Workforce

October 2004

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

	Sep 04	Aug 04	Sep 03		Sep 04	Aug 04	Sep 03
	Preliminary	Revised	Revised		Preliminary	Revised	Revised
Total Nonfarm Employed	1,129.4	1,122.9	1,117.8	Utilities	7.7	7.8	7.9
Natural Resources & Mining	9.3	9.1	8.7	Electric Power	5.4	5.4	5.5
Construction	51.9	51.3	51.7	Transportation & Warehousing	35.8	35.5	37.0
Manufacturing	179.7	180.3	176.2	Warehousing & Storage	7.7	7.7	8.0
Durable Goods	116.6	116.5	110.8	Information	14.4	14.7	14.9
Wood Products	13.1	13.0	12.8	Telecommunications	7.9	8.1	7.9
Sawmill- Wood Preservation	5.9	5.9	5.7	Finance & Insurance	34.5	34.5	34.0
Primary Metals	2.6	2.7	2.5	Credit Intermediation	21.6	21.6	20.8
Fabricated Metals	10.7	10.9	11.3	Depository Credit Intermediation	15.4	15.3	15.1
Machinery	11.6	11.7	11.7	Insurance Carriers	10.7	10.8	11.6
Ventilation - Heating - Air Condition	4.3	4.3	4.0	Real Estate & Rental	12.1	12.1	12.4
Computers - Electronics	3.1	3.1	2.9	Prof., Scient., Technical Services	30.7	30.7	28.5
Electrical Equipment & Appliances	9.0	8.8	8.7	Management of Companies	9.5	9.7	10.2
Electrical Equipment	3.6	3.6	4.0	Admin Spt & Waste Management	42.5	42.4	42.6
Transportation Equipment	28.2	28.0	25.0	Education Services	14.4	14.0	14.2
Motor Vehicle Parts	6.2	6.3	6.3	Health Care & Social Assistance	104.8	104.3	100.6
Ship & Boat Building	15.4	15.3	13.9	Hospitals	30.4	30.5	30.4
Furniture	28.5	28.6	27.1	Nursing & Resident Care	21.1	21.4	19.9
Nondurable Goods	63.1	63.8	65.4	Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	12.4	12.5	13.5
Food Products	27.7	28.3	28.3	Amusements , Gambling, Recreation	11.5	11.6	12.5
Animal Slaughtering	19.1	19.5	20.5	Gambling	5.6	5.7	6.1
Apparel	5.0	5.2	5.6	Accommodation & Food Services	113.1	113.1	109.8
Paper Products	5.6	5.5	6.0	Accommodation	38.4	38.5	37.4
Pulp, Paper, Paperboard	2.2	2.2	2.3	Food Services & Drinking	74.7	74.6	72.4
Converted Paper Products	3.4	3.3	3.7	Other Services (Private)	36.7	36.5	36.9
Chemicals	5.6	5.7	6.6	Repair & Maintenance	9.9	9.7	10.2
Plastics & Rubber	9.3	9.2	9.3	Government	245.6	240.4	245.2
Wholesale Trade	36.7	36.2	35.2	Federal	26.2	26.2	25.9
Retail Trade	137.6	137.8	138.3	State	62.2	59.7	63.0
Food & Beverage Stores	19.5	19.7	19.5	State Education	23.1	20.1	22.8
Grocery Stores	18.0	18.2	17.8	Local	157.2	154.5	156.3
General Merchandise	37.0	37.3	37.5	Local Education	85.2	81.1	84.8
Department Stores	10.5	10.6	10.3				
Other General Merchandise	26.5	26.7	27.2				

NOTE: All data expressed in thousands

Hours and Earnings for Selected Industries

	Avg Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Sep 04	Aug 04	Sep 03	Sep 04	Aug 04	Sep 03	Sep 04	Aug 04	Sep 03
Manufacturing	\$526.78	\$539.48	\$525.29	39.4	40.2	40.5	\$13.37	\$13.42	\$12.97
Durable Goods	\$564.16	\$578.80	\$562.79	41.0	41.7	41.2	\$13.76	\$13.88	\$13.66
Wood Products	\$437.81	\$479.27	\$444.33	42.3	44.5	41.8	\$10.35	\$10.77	\$10.63
Fabricated Metals	\$565.80	\$567.36	\$594.81	41.0	40.7	41.8	\$13.80	\$13.94	\$14.23
Machinery	\$607.90	\$625.69	\$545.54	42.6	43.3	40.5	\$14.27	\$14.45	\$13.47
Furniture	\$474.00	\$485.62	\$485.41	39.5	40.3	39.4	\$12.00	\$12.05	\$12.32
Nondurable Goods	\$461.16	\$468.75	\$467.68	36.6	37.5	39.5	\$12.60	\$12.50	\$11.84
Food Products	\$379.81	\$390.40	\$369.90	37.2	38.2	37.9	\$10.21	\$10.22	\$9.76

Comments - Unadjusted Data

- ◆ Based on employer reports, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 6,500 from August and 11,600 from one year ago.
- ◆ Manufacturing showed a decrease of 600 jobs over the month but was still 3,500 above September 2003.
- ◆ Once again, the largest monthly employment increase occurred in government with 5,200 more jobs than August.
- ◆ The civilian labor force declined with 3,200 less people than August. Unemployed individuals decreased 3,600 while employed individuals increased 400 over the month.
- ◆ The September unemployment rate decreased three-tenths of one percentage point over the month.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - Base Year = 1982-84 = 100

Wage Earners & Clerical	Sep 04	Aug 04	Sep 03	Wage Earners & Clerical	Sep 04	Aug 04	Sep 03
All Items	185.4	185.0	181.0	Medical Care	311.7	311.0	298.3
Food & Beverages	186.8	186.9	180.7	Recreation / 1	106.2	106.1	105.5
Housing	186.5	186.6	181.6	Education & Communications / 1	110.8	109.9	109.7
Apparel	120.6	115.9	121.0	Other Goods & Services	314.4	313.5	307.9
Transportation	161.6	161.4	158.1	All Urban Consumers			
/ 1 Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base				All Items	189.9	189.5	185.2

Mississippi Labor Force

(Data based on Place of Residence - Expressed in Thousands)

	Sep 04 Prelim.	Aug 04 Revised	Sep 03 Revised		Sep 04 Prelim.	Aug 04 Revised	Sep 03 Revised
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)				(Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	1,311.8	1,315.0	1,299.9	Labor Force	1,326.6	1,325.8	1,315.1
Unemployed	73.4	77.0	73.7	Unemployed	79.5	78.6	80.1
Rate	5.6%	5.9%	5.7%	Rate	6.0%	5.9%	6.1%
Employed	1,238.4	1,238.0	1,226.2	Employed	1,247.1	1,247.2	1,235.0
U.S. Rate	5.1	5.4	5.8	U.S. Rate	5.4	5.4	6.1

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